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CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Brad Lane, Production Engineer Wesco Operating, Inc. 120 S. Durbin P.O. Box 1650 Casper, Wyoming 82602

Re: Underground Injection Control (UIC)
Notice of Violation:
Loss of Mechanical Integrity
Winkleman Dome Nugget 61 Well
EPA Permit ID # WY20000-02278
API # 49-013-07001
Winkleman Dome Oil Field
Fremont County, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Lane:

On June 11, 2015, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) learned by way of a voicemail that the Wesco Operating, Inc. injection well referenced above lost mechanical integrity on June 10, 2015. Pursuant to Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 144.28(f)(2) (40 C.F.R. § 144.28(f)(2)), you must establish and maintain mechanical integrity. A loss of mechanical integrity is a violation of this requirement.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 144.28(f)(3), you must immediately cease injection into this well. Before injection may resume, you must demonstrate that the well has mechanical integrity by passing a mechanical integrity test (MIT). You must also receive written authorization from the EPA.

Your notification of the loss of mechanical integrity included a description of what action you intend to take regarding the well. It is expected that you will return this well to compliance within ninety (90) days of the loss of mechanical integrity.

If you choose to plug and abandon this well, a plugging and abandonment plan must be submitted to the EPA for approval prior to the plugging operation.

Failure to comply with UIC regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Parts 144 and 146 constitutes one or more violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300h. Such non-compliance may subject you to formal enforcement by the EPA, as codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Gary Wang at (303) 312-6469. Please direct all correspondence to the attention of Gary Wang at Mail Code 8ENF-UFO.

Sincerely,

Arturo Palomares, Director

Water Technical Enforcement Program Office of Enforcement, Compliance

and Environmental Justice

cc: Darwin St. Clair Jr., Chairman, Eastern Shoshone Tribe
Dean Goggles, Chairman, Northern Arapaho Tribe
Lokilo St. Clair, Acting Director, Wind River Environmental Quality Commission
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